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Prior calculation of the filing fee, and prior to examination on the merits,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows: